TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL MEMORANDUM



SB 2659 – HB 2776

March 30, 2010

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015920): Rewrites the language of the original bill. Prohibits appropriating funds to or contracting with a covered organization under indictment for or convicted of a violation under federal or state law. Requests that the Comptroller review Chapter 554 of the Public Acts of 2009 to determine if any state funds were appropriated to a covered organization and report to the General Assembly as soon as practicable.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$50,000/One-Time \$741,200/Recurring

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- This amendment expands prohibitions to indictments on organizations in all 50 states and all federal jurisdictions and will substantively increase background research on organizations.
- According to the Comptroller, one-time costs to complete the required study are estimated to be \$50,000.
- According to the Department of Finance and Administration, approximately 7,412 contracts, amendments, and grants are approved each year and would require additional background research, including a national criminal history check and background checks in all 50 states, estimated to be at least \$100 cost per contract. Recurring state expenditures are estimated to be \$741,200 (7,412 x \$100).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

/kmc